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## UD'S INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ENROLLMENT SEES SHARP INCREASE

Enrollment in the University of Dayton's international studies program has climbed nearly 15 percent this semester--an increase that is being linked to greater student interest in world events, triggered partially by the sweeping changes unfolding in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

"I think students today are recognizing that we live in an interdependent world," says Margaret Karns, director of UD's Center for International Studies. "Our own well-being in the United States is dependent economically and otherwise on what happens in other parts of the world."

Karns is chairing a new UD task force that will recommend ways to further internationalize the University's curriculum and research activities. For interviews, contact Margaret Karns at 229-3538.

## SCHOLARS SPECIALIZING IN SOVIET, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES REACT TO TEACHING ABOUT THE CHANGING WORLD

From courses in international politics to modern Germany, UD professors say they are seeing a renewed interest in current global issues. A sampling of campus reaction to this trend:

\* "We're living in interesting times," says Jaro Bilocerkowycz, who supplements the textbooks with current newspaper clippings in his "Politics of Western Europe" and "Soviet Foreign Policy" courses. "The changes have been historic, dramatic and often unpredictable. Students tend to be more focused on current events, which has increased the enthusiasm and interest." Contact: 229-2231.

\* "It used to be that we would talk about the post-World War II world. Now we're talking about the post-Wall Europe," says Larry Flockerzie, who teaches "Modern Germany." "We'd be crazy not to address the current events (in history courses). You cannot understand the present without examining the past." Contact: 229-3381.

\* "You get a great deal less of, 'Ugh, who would possibly want to study that?' It's become more glamorous," says Tom Sanders, who teaches "History of the U.S.S.R." Contact: 229-3447.

\* "By and large, even at 8 in the morning, my class is up on the news and more aware," says Mary Durfee, who teaches "Introduction to International Politics." "I began the course by saying, 'The Cold War is coming to an end because the Soviets want it to end.'" Contact: 229-2594.

\* "There is no choice but to unite the two Germanys," contends Elke Hatch, a native of Hannover, Germany, who teaches "German Culture and Civilization." "The students are very interested (in news about Germany)--they sit there with their ears perked up." Contact: 229-4239.



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